

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
LAKE VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
OF EL DORADO COUNTY
November 17, 2016**

The Board of Directors of the Lake Valley Fire Protection District of El Dorado County met in regular session on November 17, 2016 at the Meyers Firehouse, South Lake Tahoe, California.

ROLL CALL

Director Bettencourt called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. There were present the following directors: Bettencourt, Rossi, Huber and Rice. Director Herback was absent. Also present were Chief Alameda and Lake Valley Personnel.

A moment of silence was held in memory of Zachary McAllister.

AGENDA

A motion was made by Director Huber and seconded by Director Rice to approve the agenda of November 17, 2016. The motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Director Rice and seconded by Director Rossi to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 13, 2016. The motion passed unanimously. A motion was made by Director Rice and seconded by Director Rossi to approve the minutes of the special meeting of October 11, 2016. The motion passed unanimously. A motion was made by Director Rice and seconded by Director Rossi to approve the minutes of the special meeting of October 31, 2016. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Craig Catton, Dan Blackbaum and Rick Roberts were present to state their opposition the T-Mobile cell tower that is to be built on District property. They expressed concern over the towers height and distance from residential homes.

They also had questions regarding health risks such as the effects on Pacemakers. Mr. Blackbaum and Mr. Catton stated they never received a notice regarding the tower from T-Mobile and asked about the process associated with choosing the towers location.

Director Bettencourt explained the process to the public and thanked them for coming. All parties agreed to follow up with Karen Leinart, the T-Mobile representative for more information.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Board reviewed the communications received. Chief Anthony from CalFire sent a letter thanking Lake Valley crews for their help with the Emerald Fire, great job to everyone.

OLD BUSINESS

A. JPA Update

JPA Executive Director Ryan Wagoner was present to discuss the Oct. 31, 2016 JPA meeting. He informed the Board that El Dorado County will pay \$160,000 for a new ambulance. He also updated the Board regarding the communications on IFT psych transfers. This is still an ongoing item with El Dorado County. There was new discussion on the concept to allowing the JPA to partner with Barton Memorial Hospital to facilitate a part time transfer ambulance for \$150,000 per year. If the patient needed to travel farther than 100 miles then an ambulance from the West Slope would meet at a transfer location. Also a part-time IFT car was discussed.

Additionally, there was an article published by *Lake Tahoe News* stating that North Tahoe Fire joined the JPA. This is inaccurate. North Tahoe Fire will not be joining the JPA.

The Lake Valley Board of Directors gave direction, to Fire Chief Tim Alameda, to draft a letter of intent and present it to El Dorado County. The letter will state Lake Valley's interest in bidding as a sole entity for the ambulance service contract when the next RFP is available.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Firefighter's Association

The Association congratulated Directors Rice and Bettencourt on their re-election to the Board and welcomed new Director Leona Allen to the Board. The Association also thanked Chief Alameda for all his work since he was hired. The annual Christmas party will be held Dec 16, 2016 at 5pm at Meyers Downtown Café. The Union will also be attending classes to brush up on policies and procedures.

B. Battalion Chiefs

Administrative Manager Kileigh Labrado gave an update to the Board on what has been happening with public relations.

Engineer Martin Goldberg updated the Board on forest fire and fuels. He talked about Fire Adapted Communities (FAC) and asked for Board participation at the upcoming meetings. He also mentioned having a presentation for the Board on FAC.

Chief Zlendick has been working with Engineer Goldberg to learn more about fire and fuels. He has also been working with the chippers as well. He thanked both Sarah and Corey for their help with chipping after the Emerald Fire. He attended a meeting regarding the bridge project on Echo Summit and the roundabout project. The roundabouts will be installed in 2019. The bridge project is to begin in 2019, as well. They are expecting two hard closures of at least ten days a piece. Once a contractor is selected there will be another meeting held to answer specific questions.

There are several buildings and grounds projects underway, including the Chief's office, the shower at Station 6, and making the classrooms ADA compliant.

Chief Hekhuis thanked everyone for a job well done on the Emerald Fire. The crews have completed their ABC classed and ITLS in coming up in December. The engineers' testing has been completed and all lists are up to date. Finally, a commendation committee has been set up with Director Rice and a meeting will be scheduled later this month.

C. SCBA Grant Update

Engineer Matt Nerdahl has submitted for a FEMA grant for SCBA's. It is a regional grant with Lake Valley Fire, Fallen Leaf Lake Fire, Eastern Alpine and Kirkwood Fire. Lake Valley's portion of the grant would be \$285,000 for 30 air packs with a 5% match of \$15,000.

REPORTS

A. Lake Valley Fire Protection District Reports

Chief Alameda reported to the Board that he will not be asking a lot of the crews for the month of December. We will hit the ground running in January. He also informed the Board that he was elected as the second vice president of the Lake Tahoe Regional Fire Chiefs and Jeff Meston with South Tahoe Fire was elected President for 2017.

REVIEW AND APPROVE DISTRICT YEAR TO DATE INCOME AND EXPENSE REPORT

A motion was made by Director Rice and seconded by Director Huber to approve the District year-to-date income and expense report (July 1, 2015- September 30, 2016). The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVE DISTRICT PAYROLL

A motion was made by Director Rice and seconded by Director Huber to approve the District payroll for pay period 20 for \$124,340.31 and for pay period 21 for \$129,980.86. The motion passed unanimously.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

After being reviewed, a motion was made by Director Rice and seconded by Director Huber to approve the bills paid on October 26, 2016 for \$33,198.05, and on November 7, 2016 for \$78,078.32. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Approved at the meeting of December 14, 2016.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Bettencourt, Chair
CHAIRPERSON

John Rice
SECRETARY

K. Labrado prepared the minutes